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Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 3,542,082

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 8 hours to complete a single item in this collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Burden Hours: 3,628,380 hours

Cost Burden: \$952,456,245.00

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Frequency: On occasion

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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